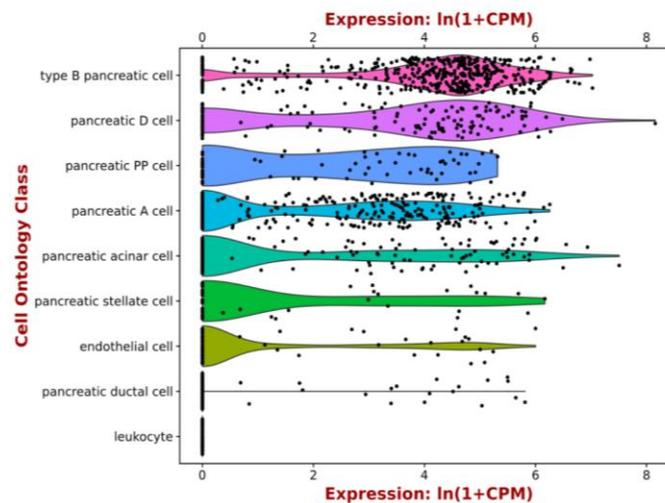
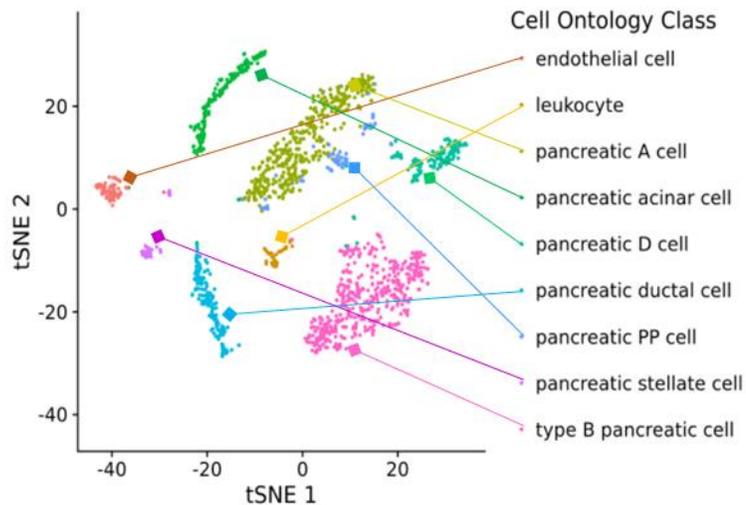


Supplementary Figures

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CELL TYPE	MEAN	MEDIAN	# cells	exp% 0	exp% >0
pancreatic B cell	4.0	4.4	449.0	7.8	92.2
pancreatic D cell	3.3	4.0	140.0	22.9	77.1
pancreatic PP cell	2.3	2.7	73.0	32.9	67.1
pancreatic A cell	1.9	1.5	390.0	43.1	56.9
pancreatic acinar cell	1.8	0.0	182.0	56.0	44.0
pancreatic stellate cell	1.4	0.0	49.0	59.2	40.8
endothelial cell	1.2	0.0	66.0	68.2	31.8
pancreatic ductal cell	0.5	0.0	161.0	88.2	11.8
leukocyte	0.0	0.0	54.0	100.0	0.0

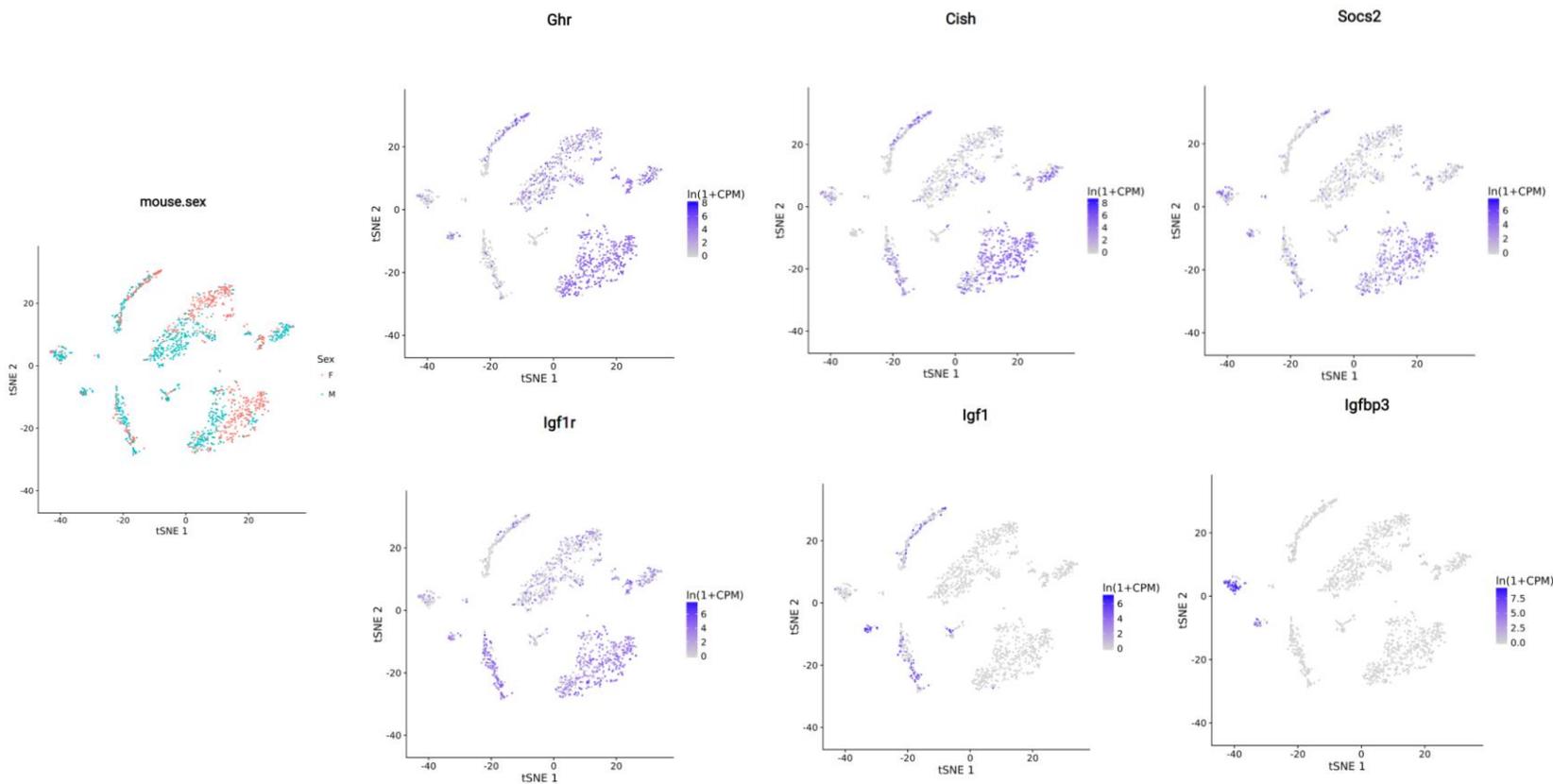


Fig. S1: GHR expression in mouse pancreatic cell types: *Top-left:* Pancreatic cell types in the mouse pancreas as identified by single-cell sequencing using Tabula muris – a compendium of mouse single-cell transcriptomic data from 100,000 cells from 20 organs and tissues of 8 mice. *Top-right:* Violin-plot of GHR RNA expression in the different cell types in the mouse pancreas using Tabula muris. *Bottom:* Ghr, Cish, Socs2, Igf1r, Igf1, and Igfbp3 RNA expression in different cell types in the mouse pancreas using Tabula muris. [Data analyzed from: *The Tabula Muris Consortium.*, Schaum, N. *et al. Nature*, 2018. Doi: 10.1038/s41586-018-0590-4]

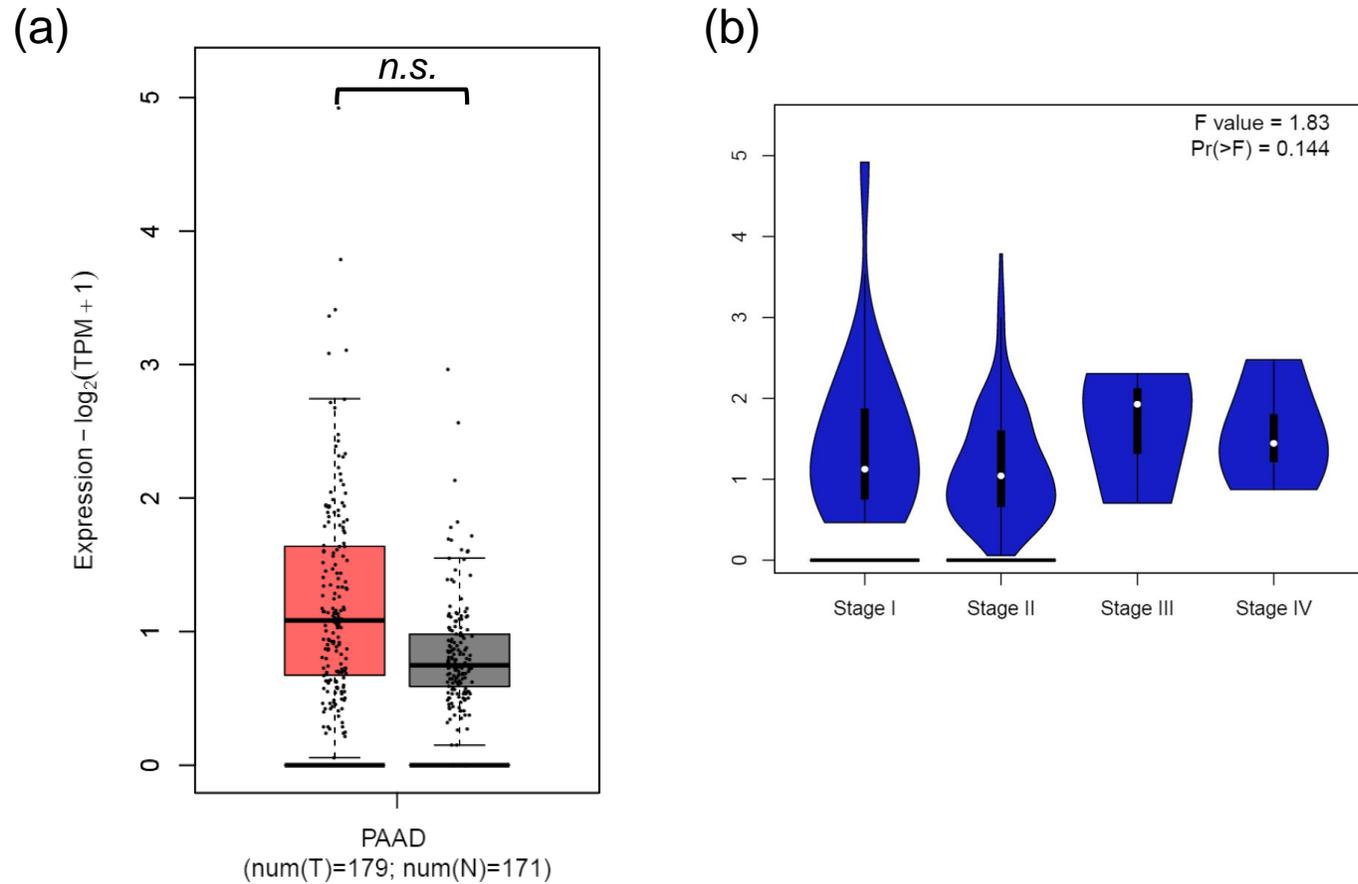
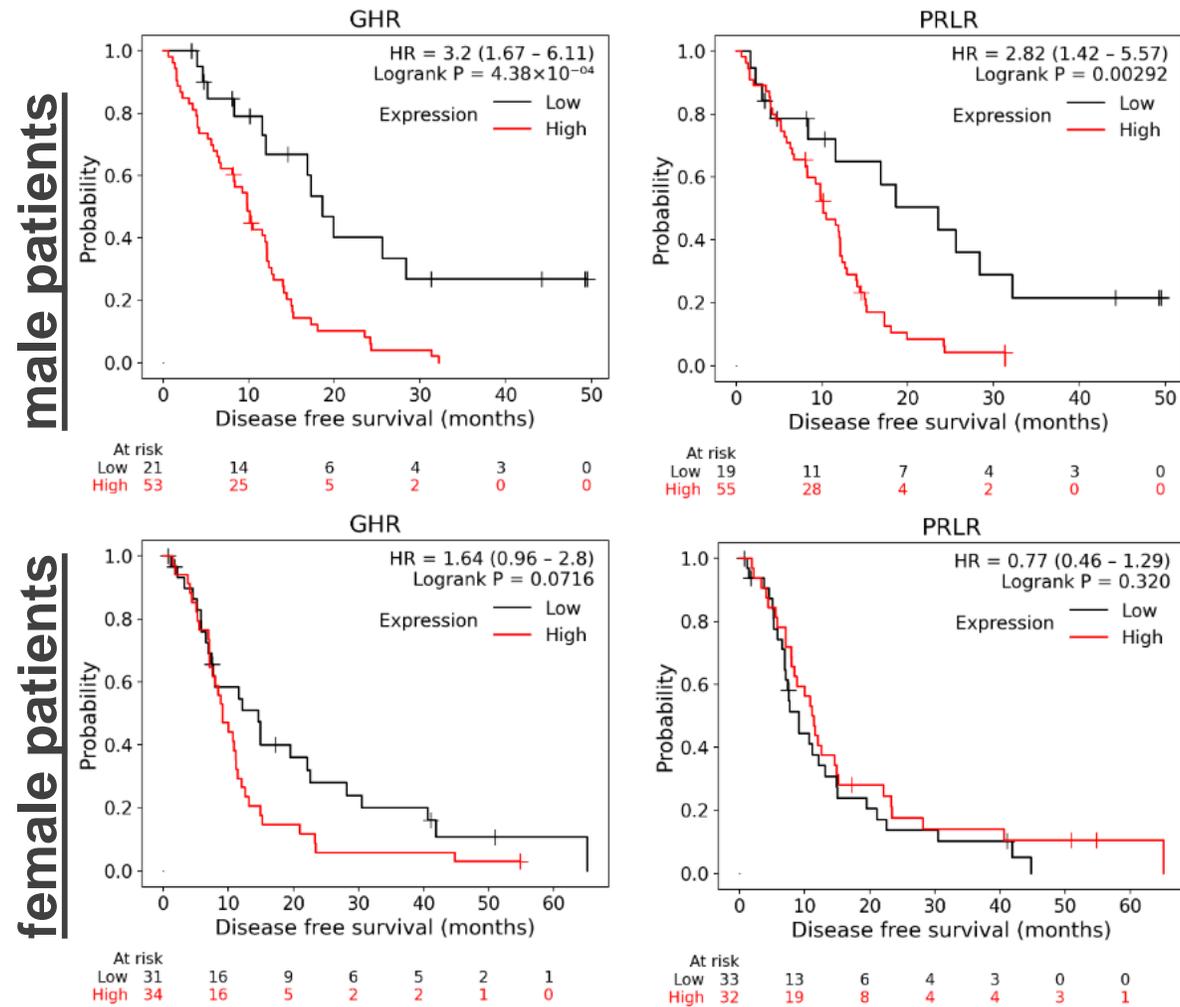


Fig. S2: GHR expression in human pancreatic tumors: (a) GHR RNA expression in PAAD tumor (*red*, n=179, TCGA) vs normal pancreatic tissue (*grey*, n = 171, TCGA + GTEx) in humans. Data generated using GePIA2. Each dot represent one sample. (b) GHR RNA expression across different stages of PDAC in human patients (TCGA) [generated using GePIA2: Tang et al., *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2017, doi: 10.1093/nar/gkx247]



only PDAC	<u>GHR-high</u>	<u>GHR-low</u>	<u>PRLR-high</u>	<u>PRLR-low</u>
patient #:	107	43	111	39
Hazard ratio (HR):	2.16		1.66	
log-rank p:	0.0003		0.0179	
median disease-free survival (months):	9.1	17.3	9.8	14.8
only PDAC	<u>GHR-high</u>	<u>GHR-low</u>	<u>PRLR-high</u>	<u>PRLR-low</u>
patient #:	53 (male), 34 (female)	21 (male), 31 (female)	55 (male), 32 (female)	19 (male), 33 (female)
Hazard ratio (HR):	3.2 (male), 1.64 (female)		2.8 (male), 0.77 (female)	
log-rank p:	>0.0004(male), 0.07(female)		0.003 (male), 0.320 (female)	
median disease-free survival (months):	9.8 (male), 9.1 (female)	18.6 (male), 14.6 (female)	10.1 (male), 11.1 (female)	23.6 (male), 9.1 (female)

Fig. S3: Correlation of tumoral expression of receptors (GHR and PRLR) of GH with patient **disease-free survival (DFS)** in male and female human pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) patients. Generated using KMplotter [Data re-analyzed from Posta and Gyorffy, *Clinical and Translational Science*, 2023, doi: [10.1111/cts.13563](https://doi.org/10.1111/cts.13563)]

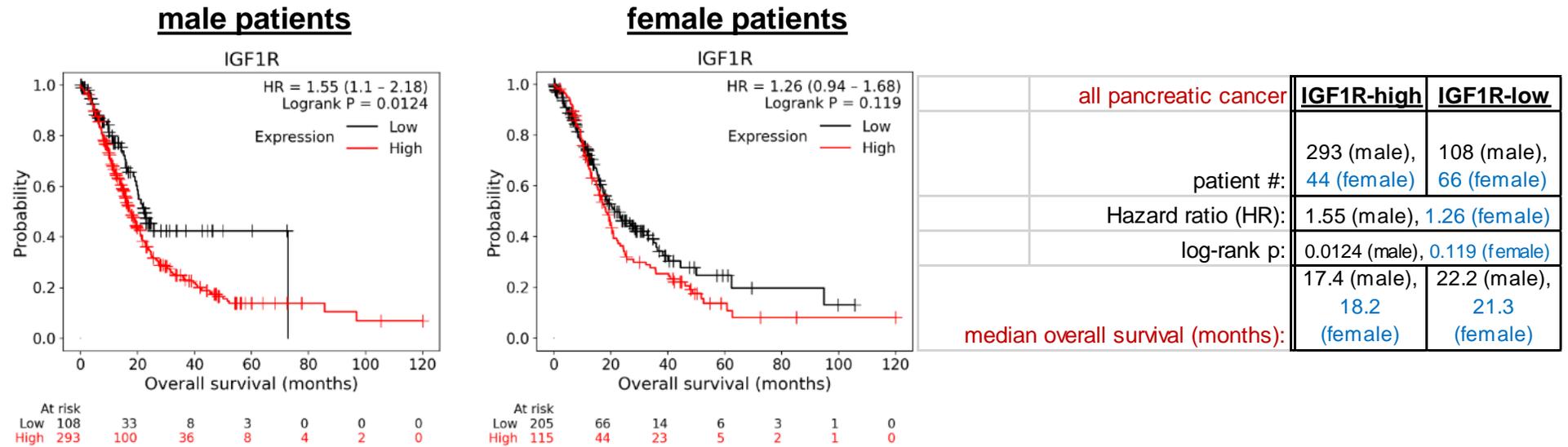
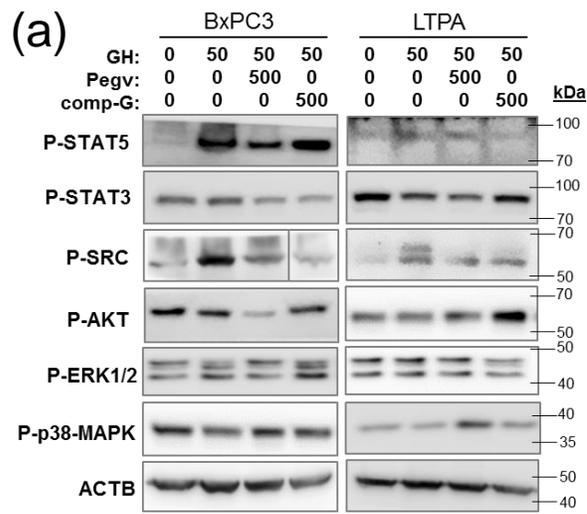
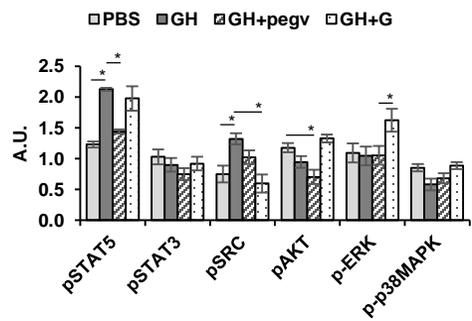


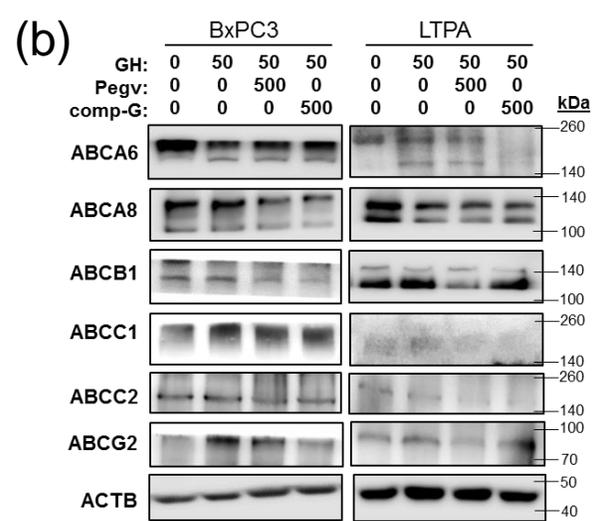
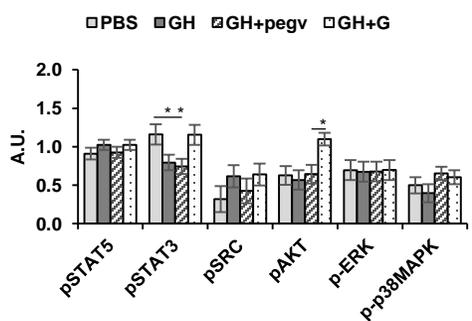
Fig. S4: Correlation of tumoral GHR or IGF1R expression with patient median **overall survival (OS)** in patients with pancreatic cancer. Generated using KMplotter [Data re-analyzed from Posta and Gyorffy, *Clinical and Translational Science*, 2023, doi: [10.1111/cts.13563](https://doi.org/10.1111/cts.13563)]



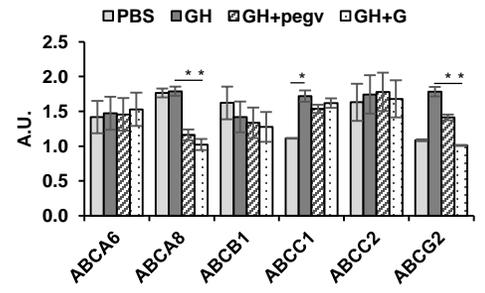
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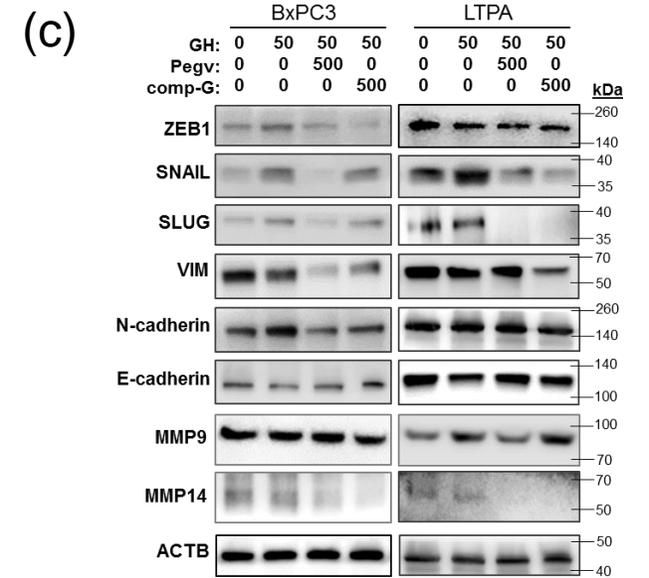
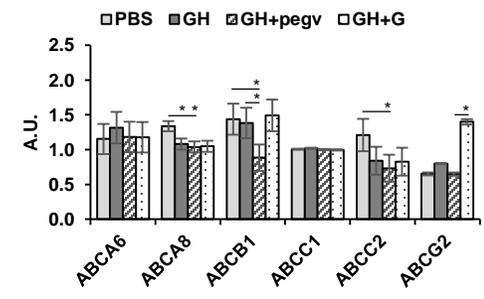
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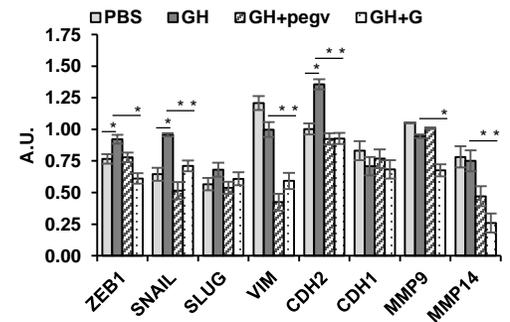
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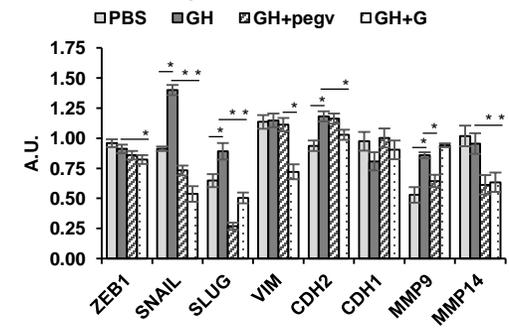


Fig. S5: Western blot of lysates of cultured pancreatic cancer cells treated with GH and GHRAs (Pegv or comp-G) showing (a) activation states of GHR downstream transcription factors, (b) ABC transporters, and (c) EMT factors in BxPC3 and LTPA cell lines (related to Main Fig-1F, 3B, and 4B)

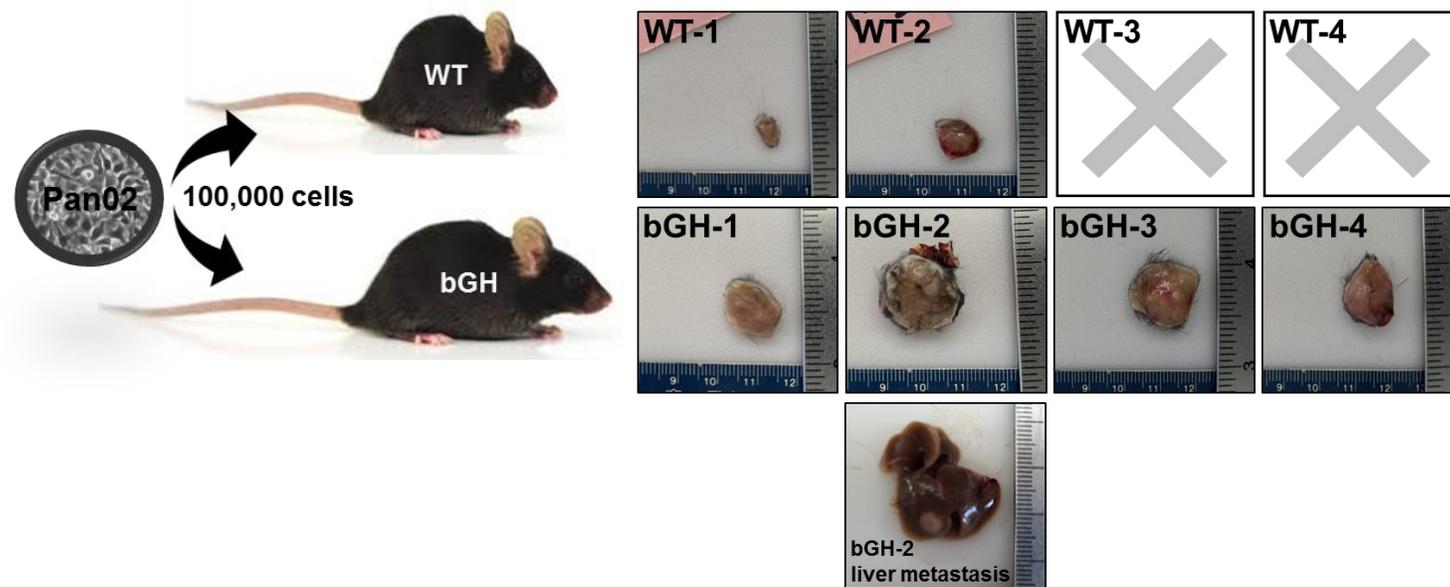


Fig. S6: Pan02 allograft in syngeneic male wild-type or bGH transgenic mice C57BL/6 strain: Grafted tumors grew in 4/4 bGH and 2/4 Wt mice. One bGH mouse was also found to have extensive liver tumor (spontaneous or possible metastases).

Fig. S7: Pearson correlation of RNA level of GHR with that of GH/IGF signaling regulators in human PDAC patients (only genes with FDR<0.05 are included, TCGA PDAC dataset).

		<u>GH/IGF axis</u>		
		<u>Query</u>	<u>R^2 value</u>	<u>FDR (BH)</u>
		GHR	1.00	1.0E-52
		IGF1	0.84	3.3E-38
		AKT3	0.74	3.3E-25
		FYN / SRC-A member	0.74	5.2E-25
		STAT5B	0.74	6.4E-25
		SOCS2	0.73	4.6E-24
		PTEN	0.69	3.0E-20
		IGFBP7	0.68	9.0E-20
		JAK1	0.67	8.5E-19
		FGR / SRC-A member	0.59	4.2E-14
		STAT3	0.59	8.0E-14
		IGFBP4	0.58	8.4E-14
		IGFBP5	0.57	5.9E-13
		HCK / SRC-B member	0.55	2.8E-12
		PTPN7	0.55	5.4E-12
		SOCS3	0.51	2.6E-10
		PTPN5	0.50	4.2E-10
		JAK2	0.49	1.3E-09
		BLK / SRC-B member	0.49	1.4E-09
		PTPN13	0.49	1.6E-09
		MAPK1 / ERK2	0.46	2.1E-08
		STAT5A	0.44	9.7E-08
		PTPN21	0.41	8.1E-07
		PTPN22	0.41	8.3E-07
		IGF1R	0.39	4.5E-06
		CISH	0.38	4.9E-06
		PRLR	0.38	5.9E-06
		PTPN11	0.36	2.6E-05
		PTPN1	0.35	3.9E-05
		PTPN9	0.33	1.4E-04
		GH1	0.30	5.5E-04

Corr. Coeff
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-1.0

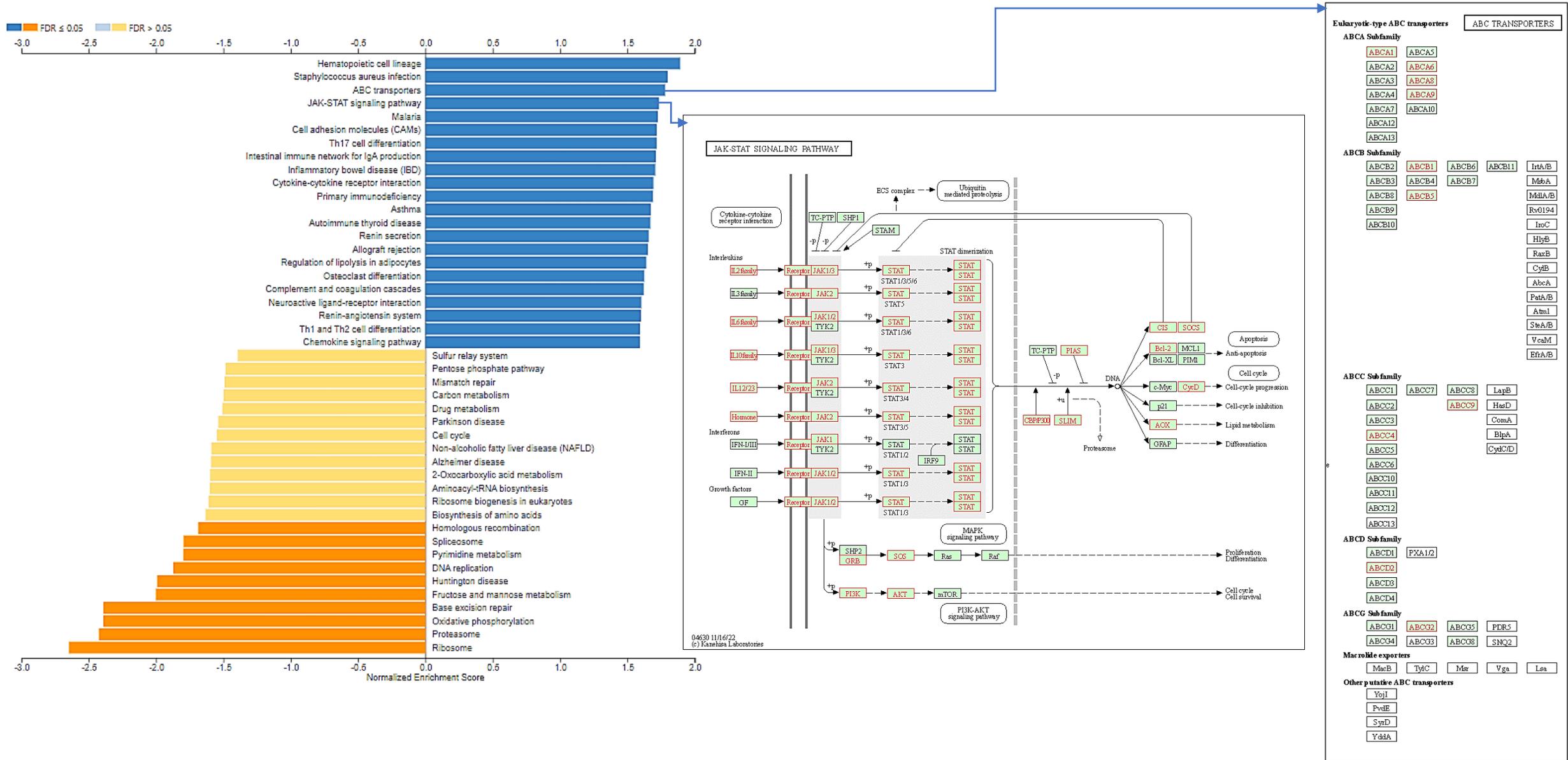


Fig. S8: KEGG pathways enriched by genes which are most significantly correlated (positively or negatively) with GHR expression in 154 pancreatic adenocarcinoma patients (TCGA cohort). *Red outline boxes indicate enrichment of genes correlated positively with tumor GHR expression.* [Calculation and Image using Linkedomics]

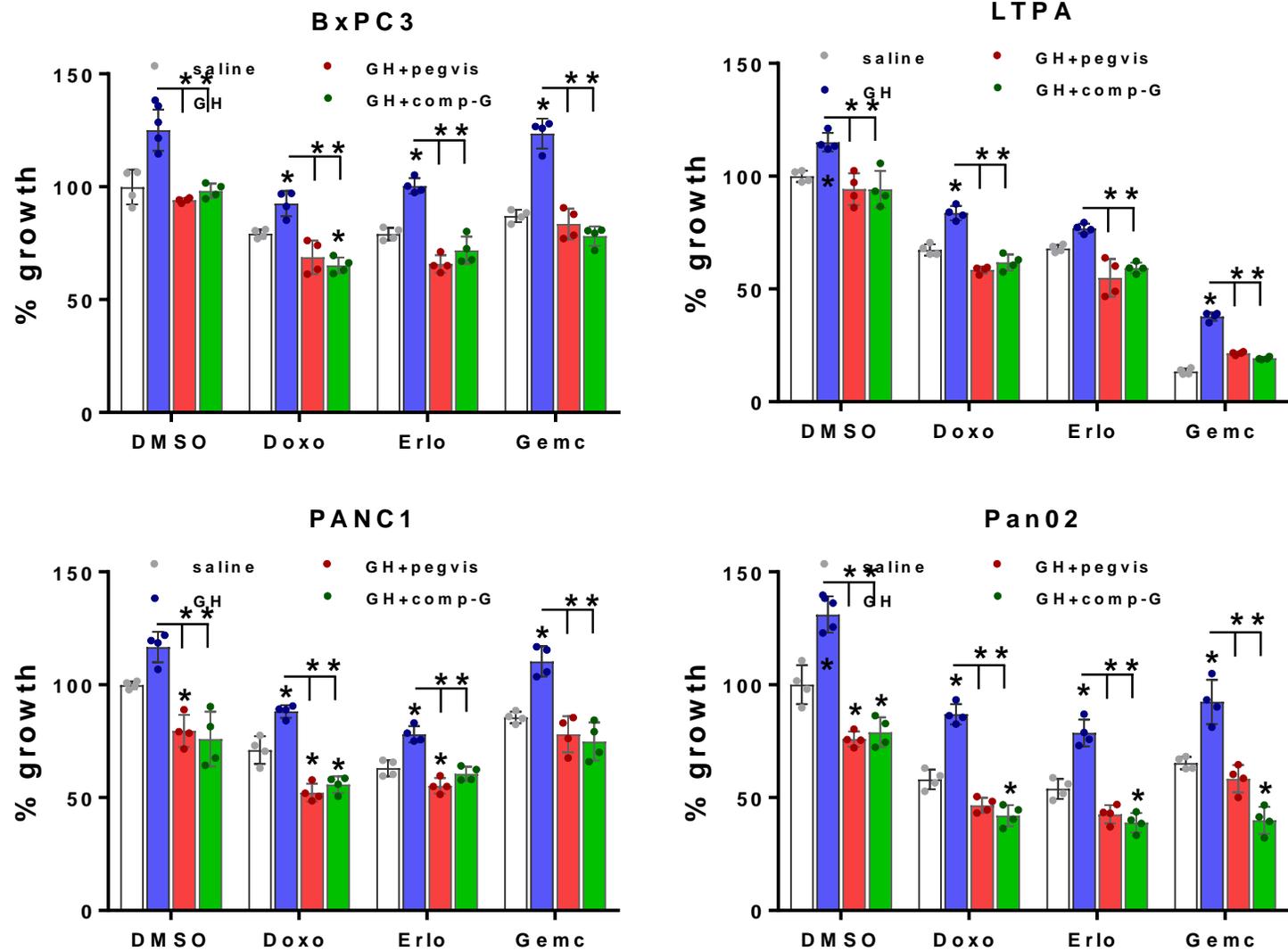


Fig. S9: GHR antagonism improves chemotherapeutic efficacy in pancreatic cancer. (A) Effects of treatments with GH or GH + pegvisomant or GH + compound-G on cytotoxicity of chemotherapies doxorubicin, gemcitabine, erlotinib in human and mouse pancreatic cancer cells in culture.

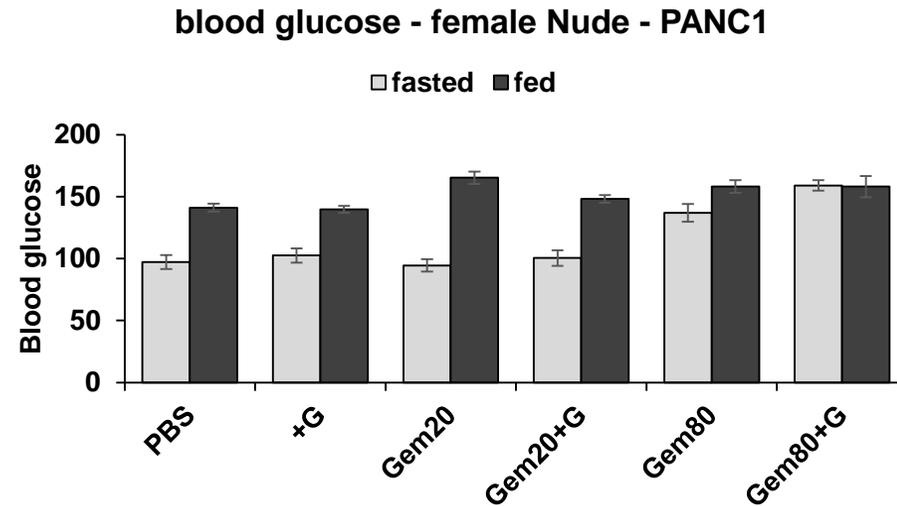
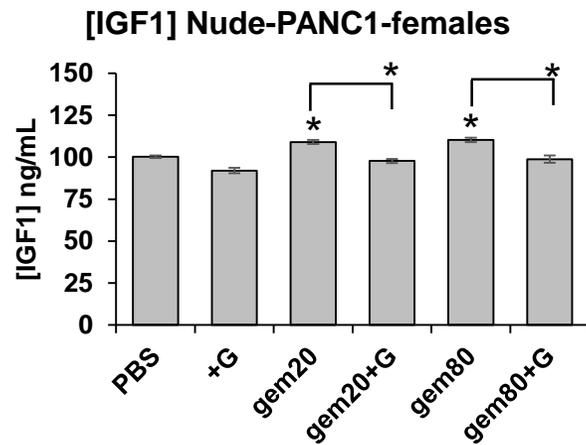
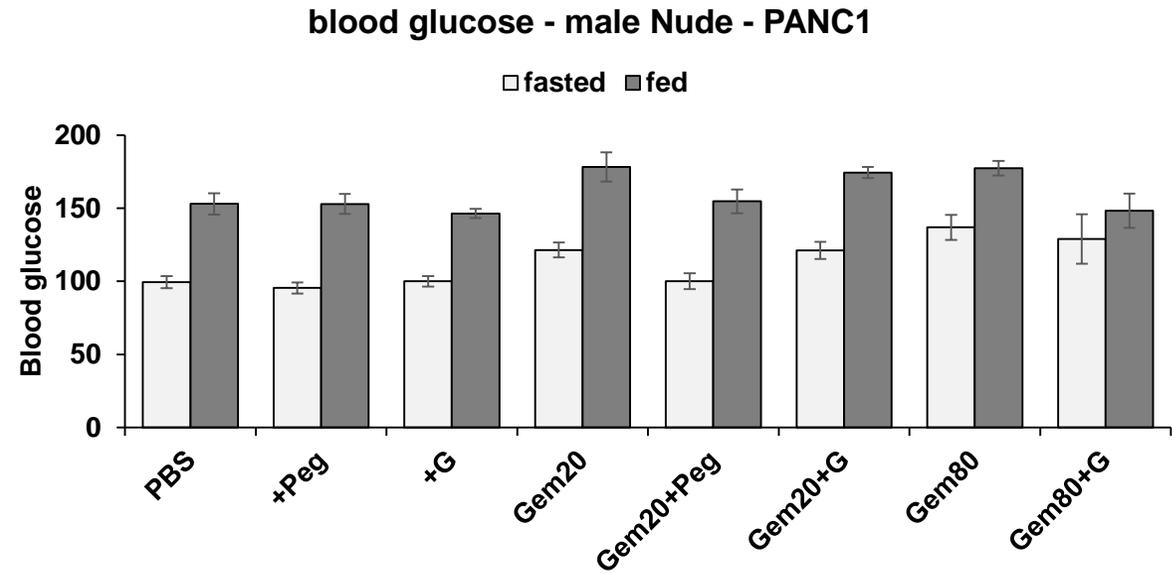
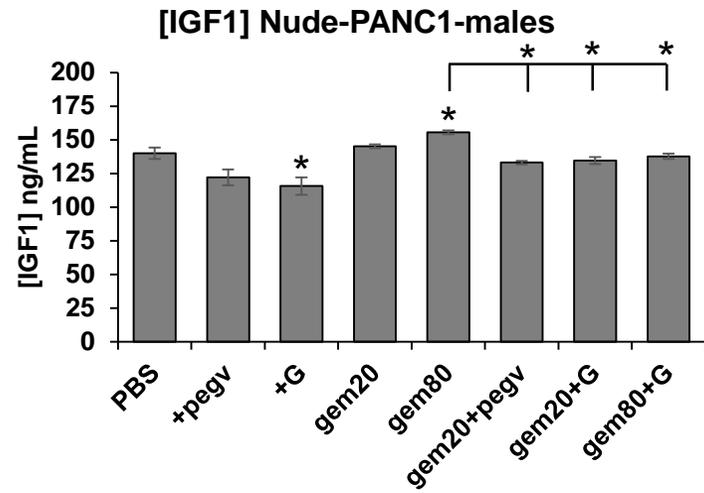


Fig. S10: Serum IGF1 levels, fasted and fed blood glucose levels at end of study of male and female Nude mice with human PANC1 xenografts treated with either gemcitabine (low or high dose), or pegvisomant or compound-G or combinations of gemcitabine and GHRA as mentioned.

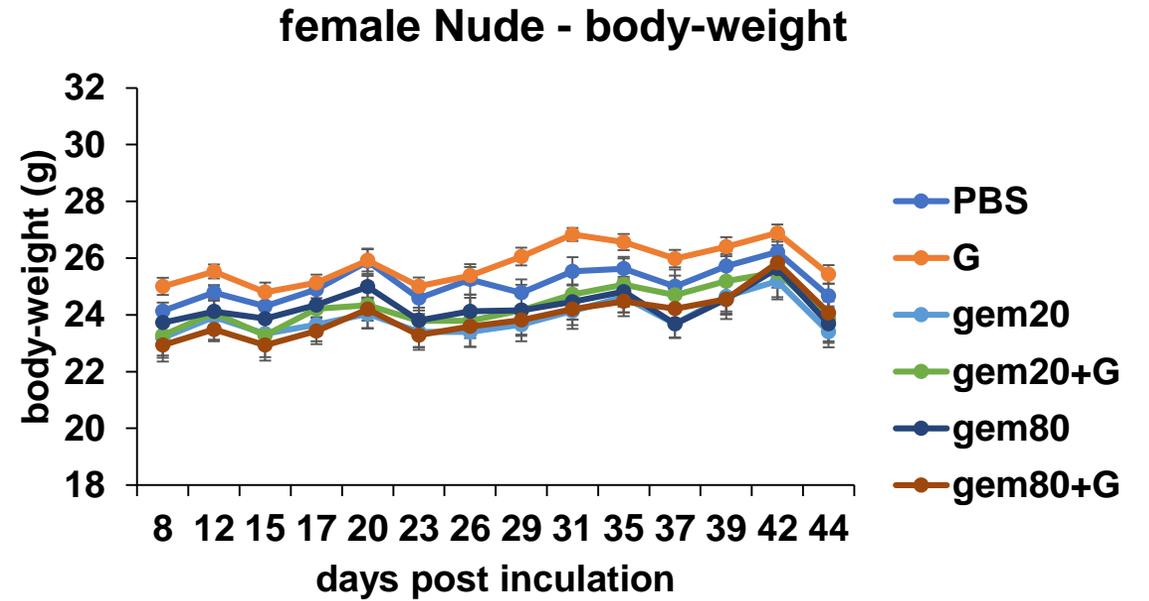
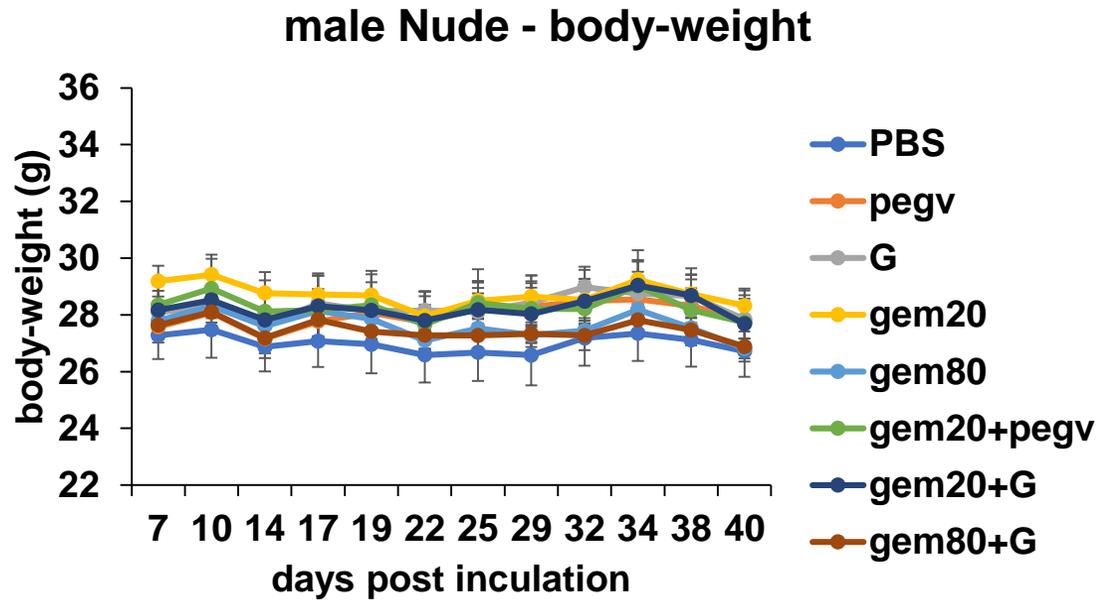


Fig. S11: Body-weight of male (left) and female (right) Nude mice bearing human PANC1 xenografts across treatment period (n=6/group).

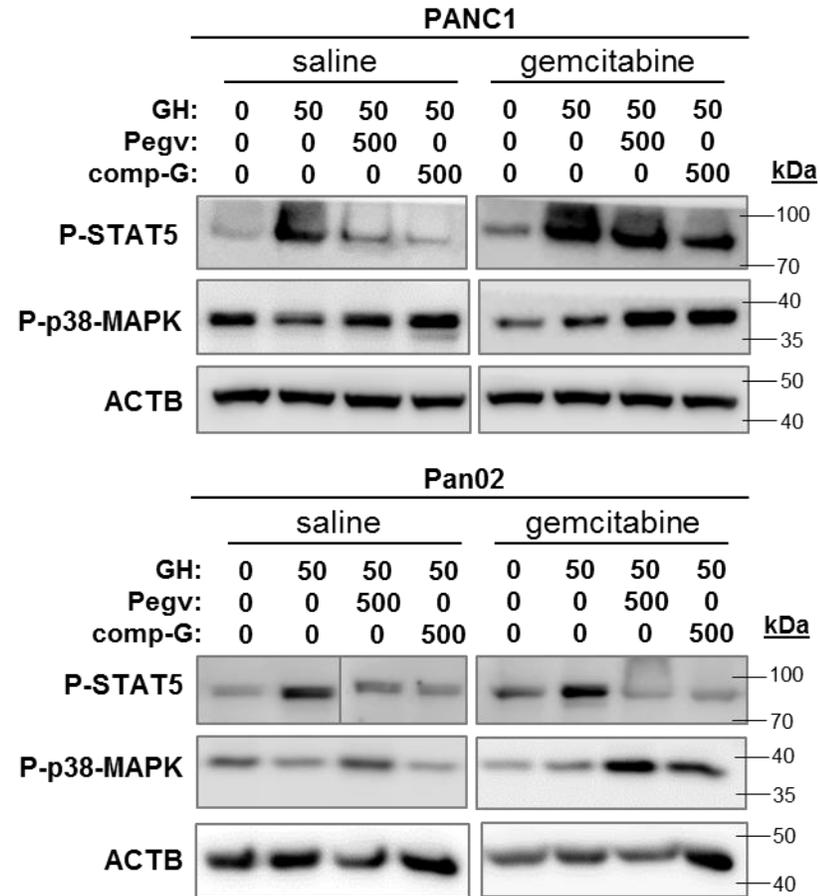


Fig. S12: Western blot of lysates of cultured pancreatic cancer cells treated with GH and GHRAs (Pegv or comp-G) showing activation states of GHR downstream transcription factor STAT5 and that of p38-MAPK which is required for gemcitabine cytotoxic effect.

	<u>Gene</u> <u>(TCGA-PAAD)</u>	<u>Pearson</u> <u>Correl.</u> <u>Coeff.</u> <u>(R^2)</u>	<u>FDR (BH)</u>
import	SLC28A1	0.103	0.276854
	SLC28A3	-0.029	0.779452
	SLC29A1	0.283	0.001121
	SLC29A2	-0.685	3.47E-20
activation	DCK	0.404	1.39E-06
	CMPK1	-0.237	0.007201
	NME4	-0.181	0.044934
	RRM2B	0.402	1.59E-06
	RRM1	-0.172	0.058015
deactivation	RRM2	-0.483	3.21E-09
	DCTD	-0.228	0.009918
	CDA	-0.289	0.00083
	NT5C	-0.643	3.08E-17



Fig. S13: Pearson correlation of RNA level of GHR with that of modulators of gemcitabine action in human PDAC patients (false discovery rate – FDR, was calculated by Benjamini Hochberg (BH) correction from TCGA PDAC dataset).

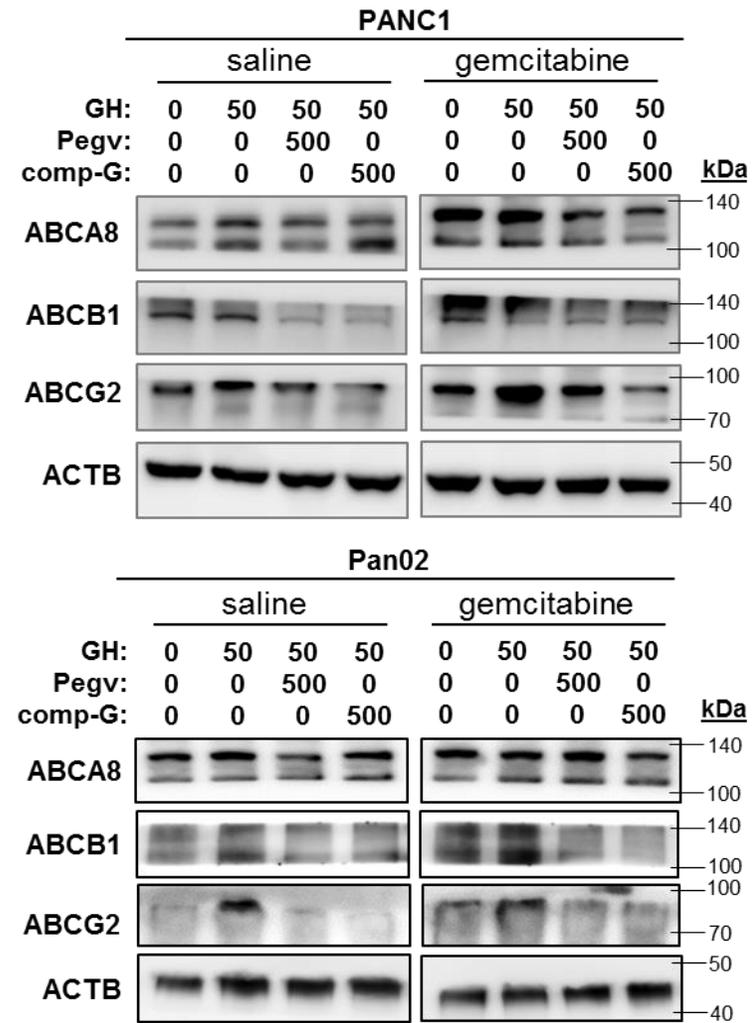


Fig. S14: Western blot of lysates of cultured pancreatic cancer cells treated with GH and GHRAs (Pegv or comp-G) showing expression of ABC-type multidrug transporters.

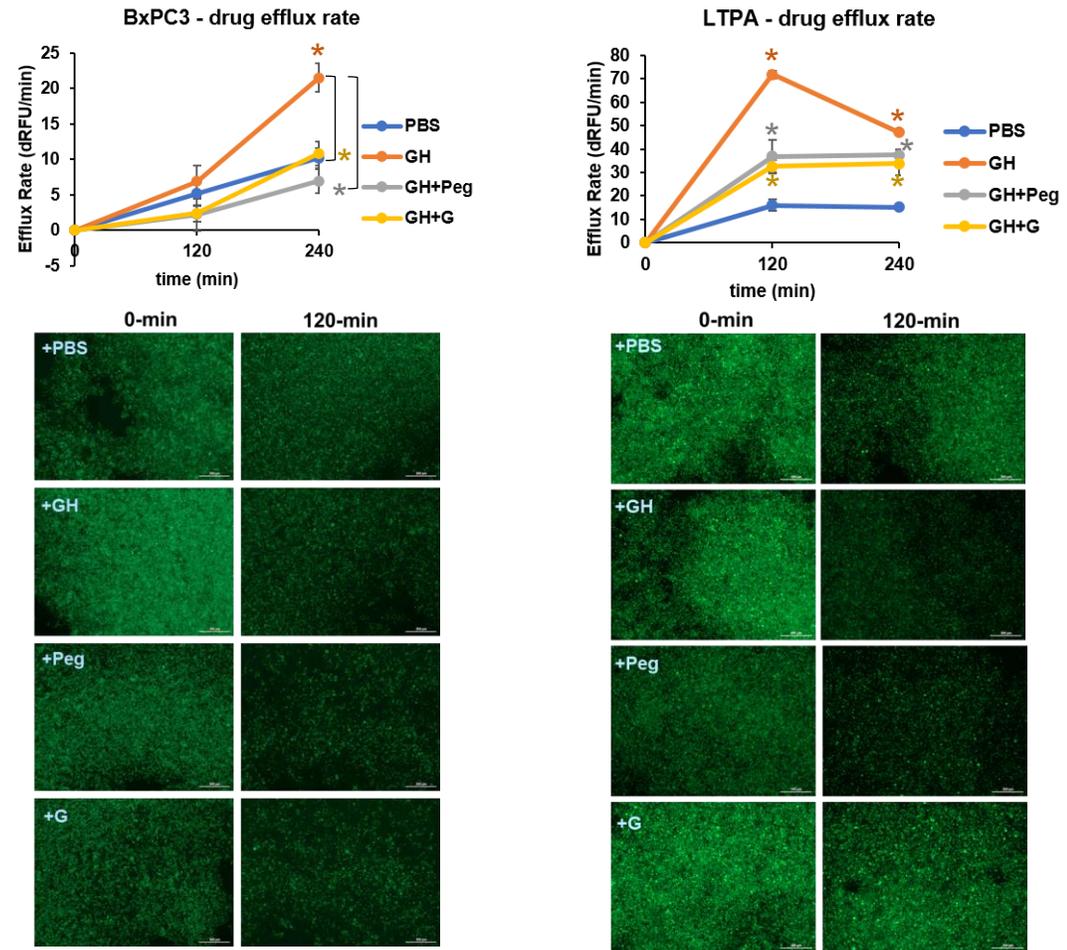


Fig. S15: Drug efflux assay of human and mouse pancreatic cancer cells in culture following treatments with either GH or GH+ GHRAs (pegvisomant or compound-G). Fluorescent green DiOC2 acts as surrogate for drug and is a substrate of ABC-transporters.

C57Bl6-Pan02		Nude-PANC1 xenograft			Nude-PANC1 xenograft		Nude-PANC1 xenograft			Nude-PANC1 xenograft		Nude-PANC1 xenograft		fold change					
Gene	male bGH vs. Wt	Gene	male pegv vs. control	male G vs. control	female G vs. control	Gene	male gem20 vs. control	female gem20 vs. control	Gene	male gem20+ pegv vs. gem20	male gem20+G vs. gem20	female gem20+G vs. gem20	Gene		male gem80 vs. control	female gem80 vs. control	Gene	male gem80+G vs. gem80	female gem80+G vs. gem80
Gh1	1.3	GH1	3.5	2.5	1.0	GH1	1.4	3.4	GH1	1.7	0.9	0.2	GH1	1.9	0.4	GH1	0.5	1.1	2.0
Ghr	1.8	GHR	0.9	1.1	1.0	GHR	1.7	3.9	GHR	1.1	0.3	0.2	GHR	1.3	0.2	GHR	0.4	0.9	1.5
Igf1	4.9	Igf1r	0.9	0.9	0.6	Igf1r	1.6	5.2	Igf1r	0.8	1.1	0.3	Igf1r	1.8	0.7	Igf1r	1.0	1.5	1.0
Igf1r	5.3	IGF1R	1.6	1.1	1.0	IGF1R	1.6	5.6	IGF1R	0.7	0.8	0.1	IGF1R	1.2	0.5	IGF1R	0.6	3.2	0.8
Prlr	5.4	PRLR	6.9	6.6	0.9	PRLR	3.0	3.5	PRLR	1.1	0.4	0.1	PRLR	3.1	0.3	PRLR	0.3	0.9	0.5

Fig. S16: Reverse transcription and real-time quantitative PCR of RNA from xenograft tumors for relative RNA levels and Fold-changes in xenograft tumors in bGH vs WT, and male and female Nude mice with PANC1 tumors and treated with gemcitabine or GHRAs alone or in combination.

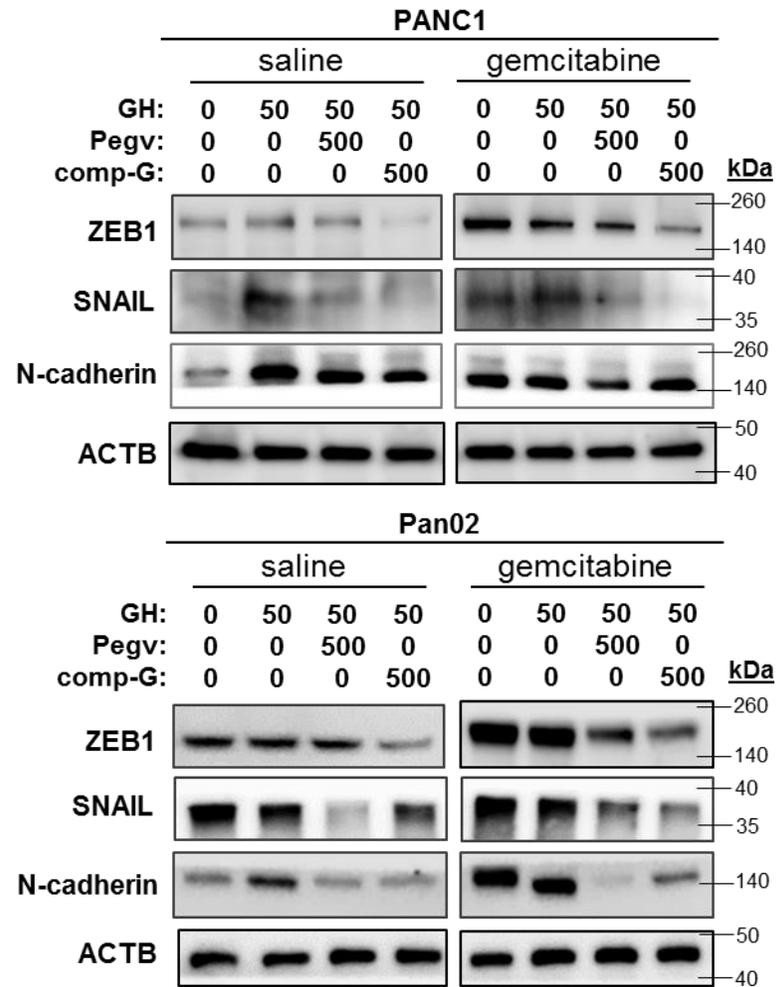


Fig. S17: Western blot of lysates of cultured pancreatic cancer cells treated with GH and GHRAs (Pegv or comp-G) showing expression of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) transcription factors (Zeb1, Snail) and markers (N-cadherin).

	gene	FC
ECM Remodeling	Gh1	1.3
	Ghr	1.8
	Prlr	5.4
	Timp4	9.6
	Col6a3	5.6
	Timp3	5.5
	Timp2	2.3
	Mmp16	1.3
	Col14a1	1.2
	Mmp19	1.0
	Mmp2	0.8
	Acta2	0.6
	Col4a4	0.3
	Apoptosis	Bcl2
Bax		1.2
Bid		0.9
Il6		8.8
Angiogenesis	Vegfa	3.8
	Il1b	3.1
	Pdgfra	2.8
	Tgfb3	2.5
	Tgfb1	2.1
	Hif1a	1.8
	Mmp9	1.1
	Flt4	2.1
	Pdpn	1.6
	Lyve1	1.6
Lymph-angiogenesis	Vegfc	1.1
	Il13	17.0
	Il6	8.8
	Cd274	5.9
	Ccl5	5.4
	Il10	4.5
	Il1b	3.1
	Ccl2	2.3
	Nos1	1.4
	Pdcd1lg2	0.8
Senescence	Thy1	4.4
	Cxcr4	1.4
	Aldh1a3	1.1
CSC	Cyp2u1	3.3
	Cyp1b1	2.3
CYPs		

Fig. S18: Heatmap showing fold change (FC) in specific modules of genes affected by tumor-specific actions of GH in xenograft tumors of bGh vs. Wt mice (related to Fig 5H)

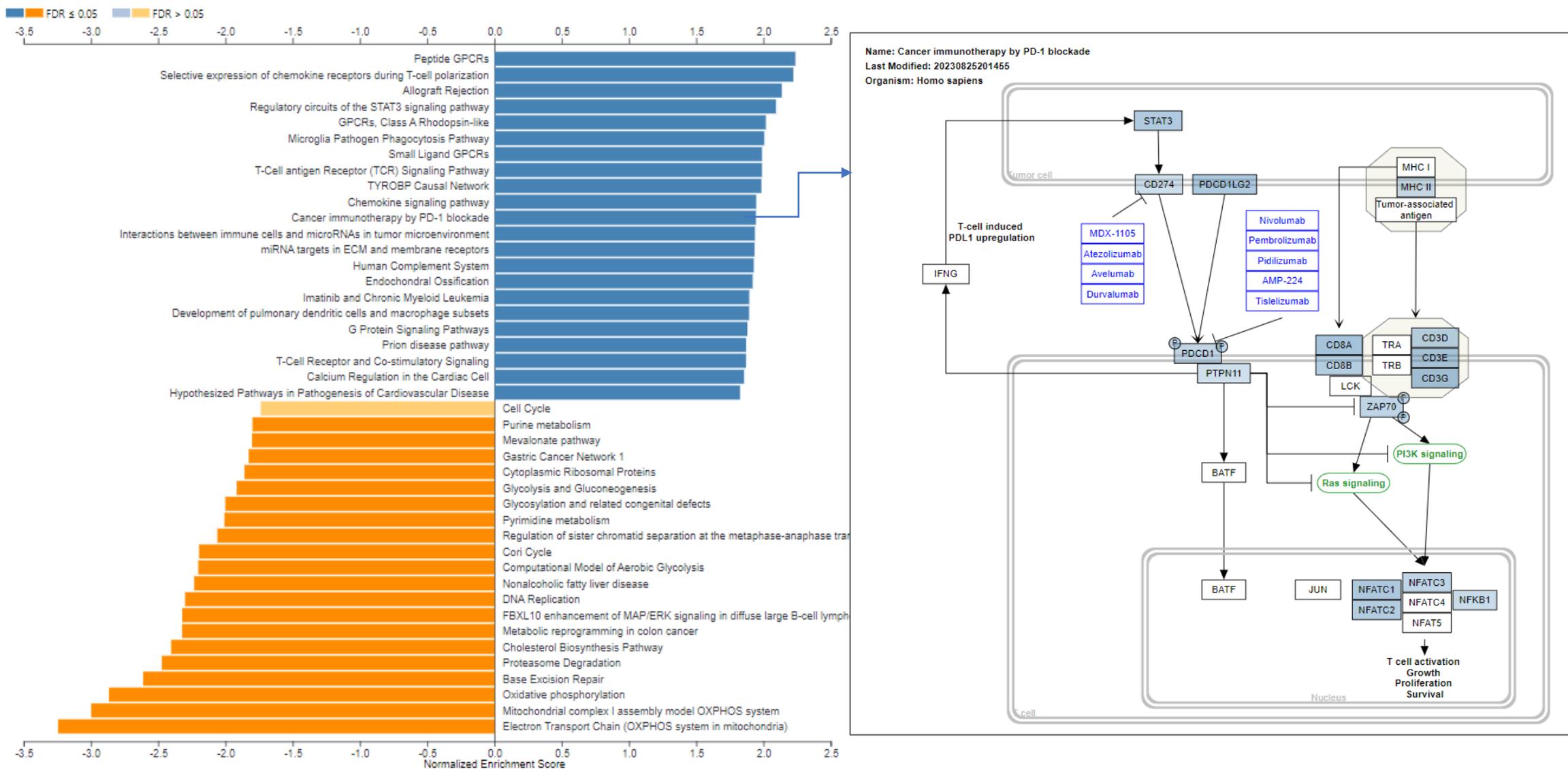


Fig. S19: Wikipathways enriched by genes which are most significantly correlated (positively or negatively) with GHR expression in 154 pancreatic adenocarcinoma patients (TCGA cohort). *Blue fill boxes indicate enrichment of genes correlated positively with tumor GHR expression. Blue outline only boxes indicate available immunotherapies to target this pathway.* [Calculation and Image using Linkedomics]

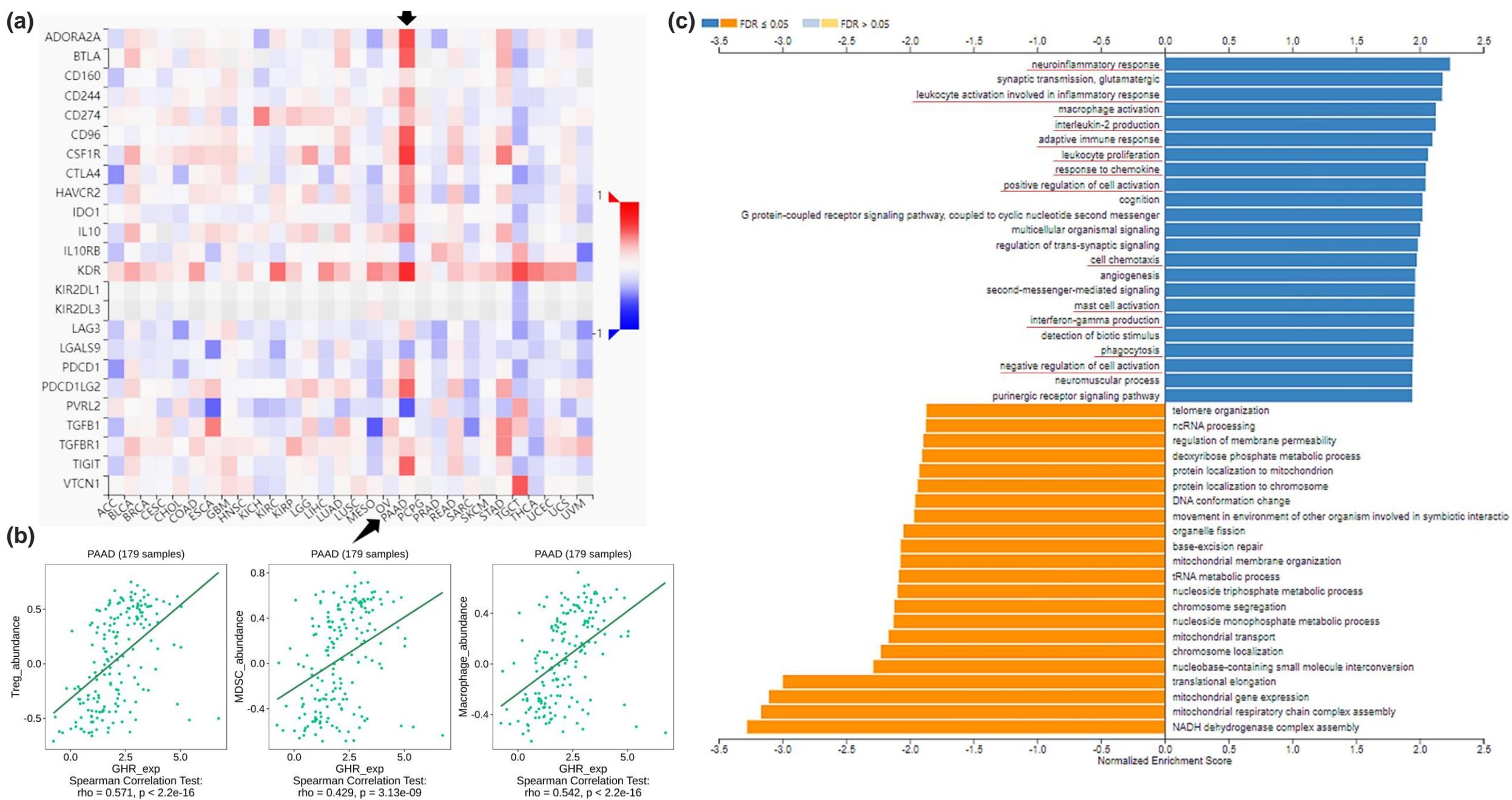


Fig. S20: Bioinformatic analyses of tumor RNA expression and related pathways from patient samples (PDAC, TCGA cohort): **(a)** Immunoinhibitory cytokines in tumors of patients with 30 different cancer types (TCGA cohort; generated using TISIDB platform). **(b)** Spearman correlation of GHR and tumor infiltrating lymphocytes assessed from TIL-specific markers from tumor transcriptome of 179 human patients with PDAC (TCGA cohort; generated using TISIDB platform). **(c)** GSEA (*Gene Ontology: Biological Process*) with genes which correlate positively or negatively with GHR expression in 154 samples from patients with PDAC (TCGA cohort; generated using Linkedomics platform; Red underline indicates tumoral enrichment of immune related pathways by genes correlated positively with tumor GHR expression).

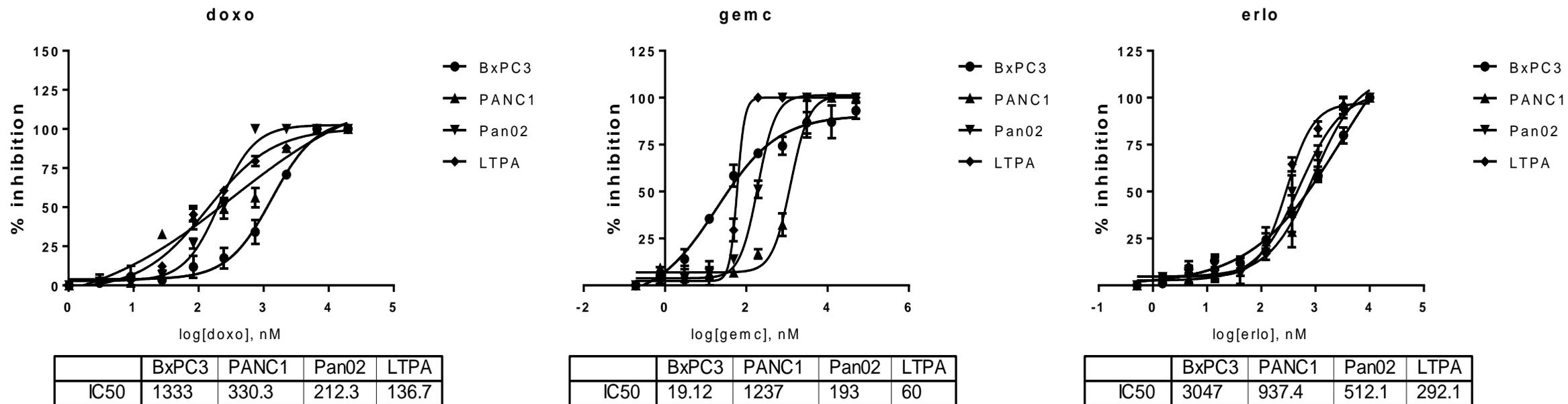


Fig. S21: EC50s (in nM) of the chemotherapies (doxorubicin, gemcitabine, erlotinib) used in the study in all four human and mouse pancreatic cancer cell lines. Resazurin-resorufin cell viability assay (48-hr) was employed for 10-dose EC50 determination in 96-well plate format with 5000 cells/well. Percent inhibition was calculated and nonlinear regression (variable slope – four parameters) was used to calculate EC50 in Graphpad Prism.

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Abcc4	AAACAAAGTCATCCTGTTCG	CAGAAAGTCTTGATCCTCC
Abcc5	TAGGGGAGCTCATCAATATC	ATAAATCATGCCCAAGATGG
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Cdh1	CATGTTCACTGTCAATAGGG	GTGTATGTAGGGTAACTCTCTC
Cdh2	GAGTTTACTGCCATGACTTTC	TCCACCACTGATTCTGTATG
Cldn1	TTTTAATTTTCAGGTCTGGCG	CAAATTCATACCTGGCATTG
Fgfbp1	ACTCACAGAAAGGTGTCC	CTGCTTCTCTGCTTATTCTG
Snai1	AGTTGACTACCGACCTTG	AAGGTGAACTCCACACAC
Snai2	GACACATTAGAACTCACACTG	GACATTCTGGAGAAGGTTTTG
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Tgfb3	CTCAGTGGAGAAAAATGGAAC	GGTCGAAGTATCTGGAAGAG
Twist1	GAGACCTAGATGTCATTGTTTC	GAATTTGGTCTCTGCTCTTC
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Zeb1	GAAACCAGGATGAAAGACAAG	TTCCGAGTTTTCTTTTTGGG
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Ghr	ACTGTCCAGTGTACTCATTG	CTGGATATCTTCTTCACATGC
Igf1	GACAAACAAGAAAACGAAGC	ATTTGGTAGGTGTTTCGATG
Igf1r	AGAACCGAATCATCATAACG	TTTTAAATGGTGCCTCCTTG
Prlr	CAAAAGTATCTTGTCCAGACTC	AGGTCATCATGCTATAACCC

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ABCC2	AAATTGCTGATCTCCTTTGC	GATAGCTGTCCGTACTTTTAC
ABCC4	ATGGAGATAGGAATATCGTGC	TCCTCAGTGATGAGAACAAC
ABCC5	CCTGTATGACTTTTTCTGTTG	CCACAGTCTCTCTAGTCTTC
ABCC9	GAATTTTCAGAAACCTCTCATC	AGAGCCAAGAAGAGAAGAAC
ABCG2	AAAGCCACAGAGATCATAGAG	GATCTTCTTCTTCTTCTCACC
CDH1	CCGAGAGCTACACGTTTC	TCTTCAAATTCACTCTGCC
CDH2	CTGGAACATATGTGATGACC	TGTAACATGTTGGGTGAAG
CLDN1	TTGGCATGAAGTGTATGAAG	ACCTGCAAGAAGAAATATGC
EPAS1	GTGAGATTGAGAAGAATGACG	CTTGGTGAATAGGAAGTACTC
FGFBP1	TGATGAGGGAAAAGGAGAAC	AACACTCACTGGGTTTTTAC
SNAI1	CTCTAATCCAGAGTTTACCTTC	GACAGAGTCCCAGATGAG
SNAI2	CAGTGATTATTTCCCCGATC	CCCCAAAGATGAGGAGTATC
TGFB1	AACCCACAACGAAATCTATG	CTTTTAACTTGAGCCTCAGC
TGFB3	TGTTGAGAAGAGAGTCCAAC	ATCACCTCGTGAATGTTTTTC
TWIST1	CTAGATGTCATTGTTTCCAGAG	CCCTGTTTCTTTGAATTTGG
TWIST2	CATAGACTTCCTCTACCAGG	CATCATTCAGAATCTCCTCC
VIM	GGAAACTAATCTGGATTCACTC	CATCTCTAGTTTCAACCGTC
ZEB1	AAAGATGATGAATGCGAGTC	TCCATTTTCATCATGACCAC
GH1	AGGAAACACAACAGAAATCC	TTAGGAGGTCATAGACGTTG
GHR	CTCCTCAAGGAAGGAAAATTAG	GTGGAATTCGGGTTTATAGC
IGF1	TTATTTCAACAAGCCACAG	AATGTACTTCTTCTGGGTC
IGF1R	AGGGAATTACTCCTTCTACG	TTTATGTCCCCTTTGCTTTG
PRLR	CAAGTCAAGAGAGAGAACAG	GATGTTGTTATCCATGACCC

Fig. S22: List of primer pairs and sequences used for the current study

<u>Target protein</u>	<u>Target species</u>	<u>Host species</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Catalog Number</u>
GHR	Human	Rabbit	Abcam	Ab65304
GH	Human	Rabbit	Abcam	Ab155974
HSP90	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	4874
P-STAT5a/b	Human, mouse	Rabbit	R&D Systems	MAB41901
P-STAT3	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	9145
P-SRC	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	2101
P-AKT	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	9271
P-ERK1/2	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	9102
P-p38-MAPK	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	4511
β -actin	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	4970
ABCA6	Human, mouse	Rabbit	Invitrogen	PA5-104402
ABCA8	Human, mouse	Rabbit	Invitrogen	PA5-36429
ABCB1	Human, mouse	Rabbit	Invitrogen	MA5-32282
ABCC1	Human	Rabbit	CST	72202
ABCC2	Human	Rabbit	CST	12559
ABCG2	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	4477
ZEB1	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	70512
SNAIL	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	3879
SLUG	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	9585
VIMENTIN	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	5741
N-CADHERIN	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	13116
E-CADHERIN	Human, mouse	Rabbit	CST	3195
MMP9	Human	Rabbit	CST	13667
MMP14	Human, mouse	Rabbit	Invitrogen	MA5-32076
Secondary Antibody	Rabbit	Goat	CST	7074

Fig. S23: List of antibodies used for the current study

